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Kistna Cement Company was also floated about that time, but it also was unable to raise the necessary capital and was in due course wound up. The subject has again been taken up recently and attempts are being made to interest capitalist firms in the question of establishing a cement factory in this Presidency.

[For further starred questions see pages 600—603 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Public Service

Exemption of Mr. A. Gundu Rao from the operation of rule 1 of the Public Service Notification.

1401 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one A. Gundu Rao, officiating attender, office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tiruvannamalai range, is a passed candidate according to the rules as they stood prior to the issue of G.O. No. 965, Public, dated 16th November 1926, and whether he had to his credit seven years' continuous service under Government as a clerk;

(*b*) whether the said Gundu Rao has drawn increments in the time-scale of attenders as per Fundamental Rules 26 (*a*) and 26 (*c*);

(*c*) whether Gundu Rao was recommended by the District Educational Officer, North Arcot, as a special case for exemption from the operation of rule 1 of the Public Service Notification;

(*d*) what are the conditions that were laid down in 2 (*a*) of the G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927, which Gundu Rao did not satisfy; and

(*e*) the reason why he was not exempted?

A.—(*a*) The answer to the first part of the clause is in the affirmative; but the clerk had not to his credit on 16th November 1926 seven years' continuous service as a clerk.

(*b*) He drew one increment in the time-scale of attenders.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) & (*e*) Gundu Rao did not satisfy either of the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Motor Vehicles Act

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles Rules.

* 1402 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to my question No. 199, answered on 6th September 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have published the amended motor vehicles rules as contemplated;

(*b*) if not, whether they propose to place them before the Council for discussion and approval; and

(*c*) what steps Government have taken to keep themselves informed regularly of motor-car accidents, especially those resulting in deaths?

A.—(*a*) The amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923, referred to in the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 199 have already been published as Notification No. 824, dated 30th October 1928, at pages 1729–30 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th November 1928.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The Government have taken no such steps as they do not consider it worth while to collect statistics of death caused on account of bus accidents all over the Presidency, as the information is available at the headquarters of the districts.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to clause (*c*), may I enquire whether, having regard to the desirability of making the necessary changes in rules, Government do not consider it necessary to keep themselves informed of the accidents causing death ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We get it from the districts."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether Government do not think it necessary to keep themselves informed about the accidents of death in order to see what amendments are necessary ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Whenever we want the information we can get it. "

Civil Justice

Latrine and other amenities in the Sessions Courts.

1403 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what accommodation and arrangements for seating, waiting, retiring for tiffin and rest, latrines or urinals, and for paying travelling allowance and batta exist in the several Sessions and Assistant and Additional Sessions Courts in the Madras City and outside ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir. The question refers to latrines and other matters throughout the Presidency and I do not think it will serve any useful purpose."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I inform him that the arrangements are very inadequate and very much neglected. "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

Marine

Expenditure on the Cochin Harbour Works.

1404 *Q.*– Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(*a*) the expenditure from the beginning up to date on the Cochin Harbour Works ; and